

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

March 16, 2006

The Honorable Charles H. Taylor
Chairman
House Appropriations Subcommittee
on Interior and Insular Affairs
B-308 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Norman D. Dicks
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Subcommittee
on Interior and Insular Affairs
1016 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Taylor and Ranking Member Dicks:


We are writing to ask your support for the nation's core historic preservation programs by funding State Historic Preservation Officers (SHPOs) at \$50 million, Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (THPOs) at \$12 million, and Save America's Treasures (SAT) with Preserve America at \$30 million combined.

SHPOs provide the foundation for the nation's historic preservation program by identifying America's historic places, nominating them to the National Register, revitalizing them through rehabilitation tax credits and protecting them for future generations. The SHPOs serve as the primary link between the federal programs and the very communities, business interests, and citizens these programs are designed to benefit. Funding for SHPOs returns the federal investment by leveraging additional dollars through creating local jobs, fostering non-federal contributions and securing long-term economic development. THPOs provide these services and functions on tribal lands exclusively. The number of THPOs has steadily increased over the years while their funding has remained essentially flat.

SAT provides the only "bricks-and-mortar" funding for historic preservation projects nationwide and Preserve America promotes heritage tourism and educational grants. Both of these valuable programs are built upon the foundation laid by the SHPOs and THPOs.

Fully funding these historic preservation programs would represent a true investment in America's legacy multiplied many times over through public-private economic partnerships and ventures. Most importantly, it would ensure the protection of historic resources nationwide that might otherwise be lost forever.

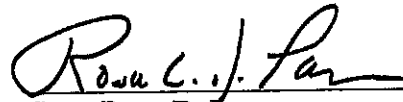
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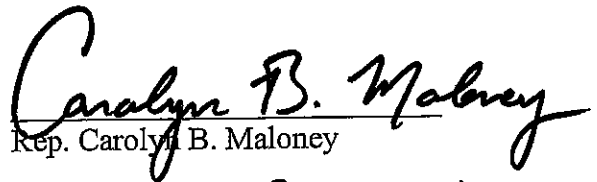
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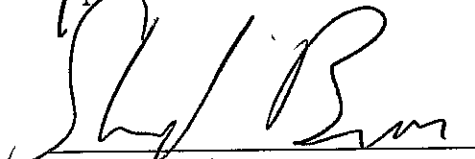
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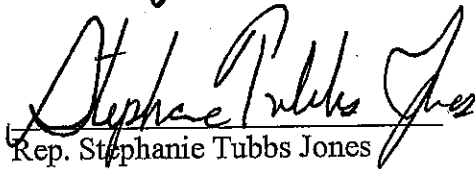
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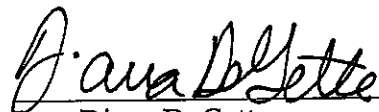
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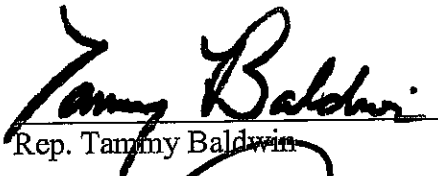
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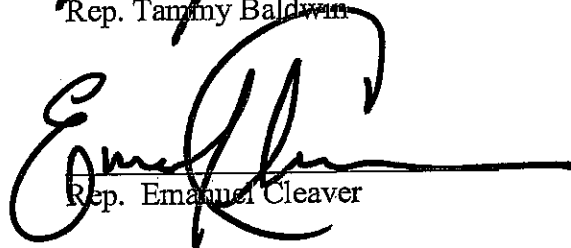
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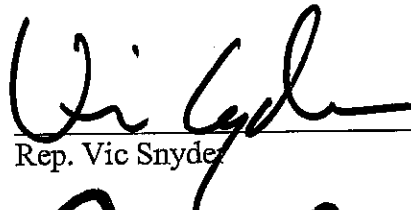
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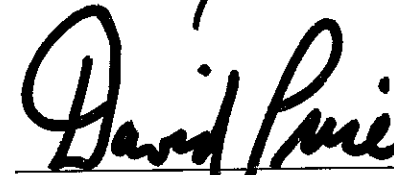
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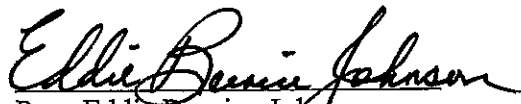
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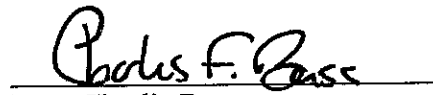



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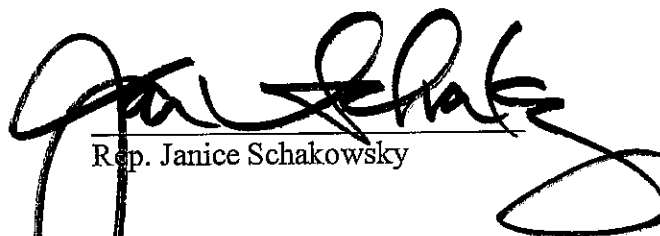

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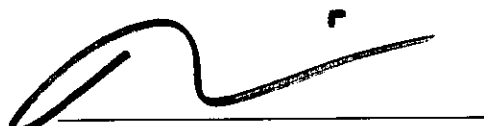

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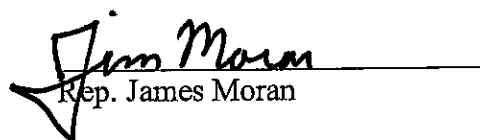

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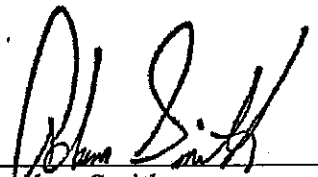

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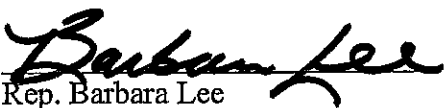

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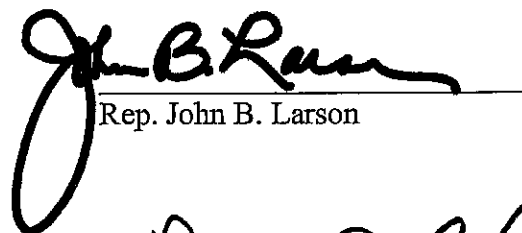

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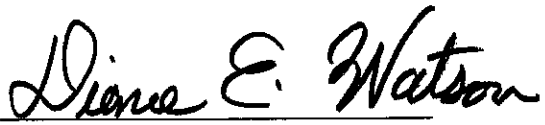

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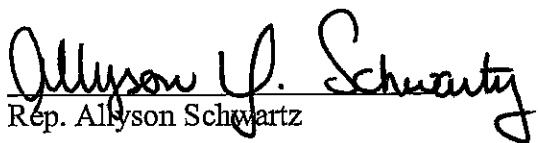

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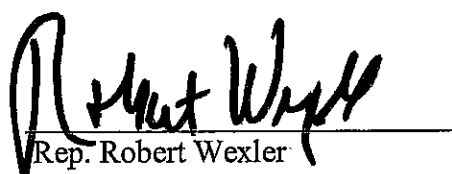

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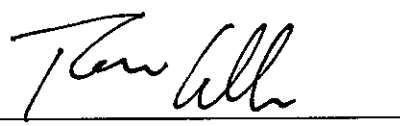

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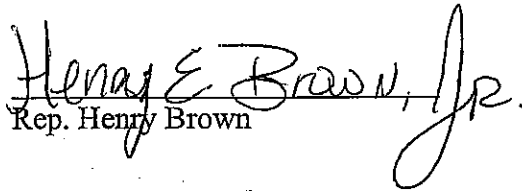

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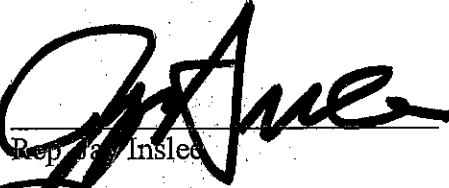

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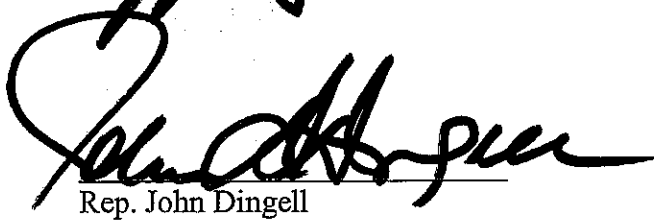

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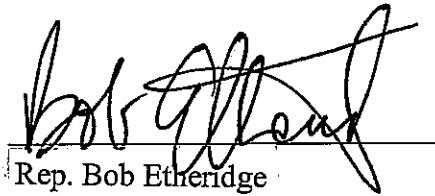

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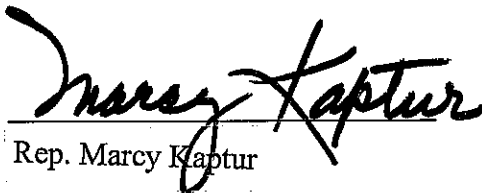

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